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NEXT MEETING

**Thursday
August 3rd
The Library Center
4653 S. Campbell
Room B**



ATTENTION

Sparky could still use a few volunteers to help with the float fly on Aug 12 and 13. He needs help with registration, boat operations, set up and tear down. Might need help cooking too. If you are able to help let Sparky know. I know he would be most grateful.



Scenes From The Float Fly Practice

2006 Events Calendar

Aug 12-13	Annual Float Fly, Lake Springfield
Sep 9-10	Annual Pattern Contest
Oct 6-8	Annual Heli Fly - CANCELED
Dec 7	Christmas Party



**Make plans now to attend the annual
Springfield RC Club Float Fly
at Springfield Lake, August 12th and 13th.
Contact Sparky for more information.**





Dalton Markel's new Four Star 60 (a present for his 8th birthday). Yes he flies it well.

Two Disabled Members

By the time you read this Russ Rhodes will have had surgery to replace his shoulder. He said he would be out of commission until September.

A few weeks ago, in a storm in Oklahoma, Tim Hankins' truck was swept off the road and tossed into a ditch onto its side. The accident tore the ligaments in his left shoulder. By the time you read this, he will have had repair surgery. His arm has to remain immobile for 8 weeks. He said he will not be done with rehab until Thanksgiving.

We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Barry Harper



From The Float Fly Practice

At A Boy!

Often my articles are all about what we should or shouldn't do. This is about what you do and have done:

We had a former R/C pilot visitor at the field recently. He stayed for a couple of hours observing and conversing. Just before he left he told me we have a great bunch of guys. He obviously came to this conclusion by observing how we conduct ourselves and (assisting each other, flying safely), and by talking to some of the fliers that day.

He's right. We have a great bunch of guys. I count myself privileged and fortunate to be a part of this group. Can it be better? Of course, but that's up to each of us.

Now let's all show up at the up and coming events and make ourselves available to help out... it takes many people to run these things... these are your events too.

Barry Harper

Hair Spray

by David Miller

Modelers are always on the lookout for mainstream products with FF applications. Here's one I feel compelled to pass along.

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From The Float Fly Practice



Electric Larry's Tigercat

A REMINDER

We had another recent model fly away... at least a model that went out of site and could not be found. It was returned to the field several days later by one of the local residents. Just a reminder: it is an AMA requirement that each and every model contain your name address or AMA number. The major issue here is coverage. If your model were to strike something and cause damage (or injury), without the required identification, AMA could (would?) invalidate coverage.

Some people also put "Reward If Found" and phone number on their ID sticker. This my facilitate recovery. At the very least, it's cheaper than buying a new engine and flight pack.

Barry Harper

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Go to your nearest Wal-Mart, Costco, Kmart, or any discount store and buy a big can of Aqua Net hair spray. It won't cost much, and there's nothing like it for preparing a balsa surface for Mylar, tissue, or paint.

Why, you ask? Well, it turns out Aqua Net is nothing but high-grade lacquer with some smellum mixed in. The big-hair crowd puts tough demands on the product, so the good people at Aqua Net pack in a ton of propellant to lay it on thick for just the right effect.

The beehive bouffant scent dissipates in short order, and you're left with a fine coat of sludge that both fills pores like spackle and raises errant fuzz like Viagra. A few quick strokes of 600 wet/dry sand paper and you're done.

For really smooth painted finishes, like Design Master and Krylon, you might want to repeat the process as required, using multiple coats and higher grades of W/D. But not to worry, Aqua Net is cheap!

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